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2 Lawyers for a Guantanamo Bay detainee whose weight has dropped to 74 pounds during his long hunger strike argued in U.S. court on Thursday he should be freed for health reasons, and a judge said he may order an independent medical exam. During a hearing, U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan said he would examine whether he can order the creation of a civilian-military medical commission to examine Tariq Ba Odah, a 36-year-old Yemeni man, under the Geneva Convention governing treatment of prisoners of war. REUTERS

VIRGINIA GUN CONTROL

3 Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe ordered tighter gun control measures in Virginia on Thursday that included creation of a gun crimes task force. McAuliffe's executive order comes as Democratic presidential candidates are making gun control a major campaign theme following a rash of high-profile mass shootings. REUTERS

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4 The Los Angeles Police Department misclassified some 14,000 assaults as minor offenses over an eight-year period, an error that painted a rosier picture of crime in the city, the Los Angeles Times reported. The mischaracterization gave the impression that overall violent crime was 7 percent lower than what was reported. REUTERS

BALTIMORE PROTEST

5 Demonstrators concerned about police use of force staged a sit-in at a City Hall hearing to consider a new police commissioner, leading to 12 arrests before the protest was broken up early Thursday. The demonstration, which came six months after rioting set off by the death of a black man in police custody, interrupted proceedings Wednesday night on whether to give Baltimore's interim police commissioner, Kevin Davis, the permanent job. REUTERS

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BRIEF

Two men charged for separate dog cruelty cases

A man who was found with a dead dog in his yard was charged Thursday with animal cruelty by the PSPCA.

PSPCA officers went to the home of Derrick Garner, 50, in July after an anonymous tip, finding a deceased dog in the yard, a dog with severe wounds, and a third dog suffering from untreated medical conditions, the PSPCA said.

Garner was arrested this week and charged with cruelty to animals for failing to seek veterinary care for his dogs.

The surviving dogs, Baby Girl and Poodge, have since been rehabilitated at the PSPCA and are available for adoption.

Meanwhile, also on Thursday, a South Philly man was charged with beating his ex-girlfriend and then beating her dog with a baseball bat, the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said.

Andrew Wallace, 40, of the 1600 block of S. 10th Street, faces three counts of animal cruelty.

The attack, which happened Tuesday, left the dog severely injured in one leg.

He is also charged with assaulting his girlfriend.

"Often, links have been drawn between the abuse of animals and violence against people. This seems to be the case here," said PSPCA CEO Jerry Buckley.

No further information about the dog in question was available due to the pending criminal case.

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Kathryn Knott, who refused to accept a plea, walks out of court after a hearing. FILE PHOTO

Two accused in gay bash plead guilty

They are banned from Center City during their probation.

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Two suspects who pleaded guilty in a 2014 gay-bashing case have agreed to stay out of Center City while on probation.

Philip Williams and Kevin Harrigan pleaded guilty Thursday to assaulting a gay couple near 13th and Chancellor Street in a negotiated plea deal under which they will see no jail time. A third, Kathryn Knott, is going to trial.

"I am very sorry for what happened that night," Williams said. "That's not how I live my life."

The attack sparked outrage after the victims and some witnesses alleged it was a hate crime and the suspects were identified by amateur Internet sleuths on social media — though sexual orientation is not a protected class under state bias crime statutes.

Prosecutors said that the victims in the case, a gay couple, were walking down the street when a verbal altercation started with a large group of about 10 people.

Exactly what happened hasn't played out in court. Williams and Harrigan did not acknowledge using homophobic slurs. Harrigan said in court that things got out of hand. Williams said he believed he was defending a woman in the group who was involved in an argument with the men.

But prosecutors said a witness was prepared to testify that Harrigan allegedly called one of the victims a "dirty f—t."

The subsequent beating was vicious. One of the men suffered a broken orbital bone and a broken jaw, which was wired shut for eight weeks.

One of the reasons this struck a chord was because this happened in Center City, which has historically been a haven for gay, lesbian and transgender people, Assistant District Attorney Mike Barry said.

"Center City is a place where this is not supposed to happen," Barry said.

Williams, who pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, will serve five years of probation and perform 200 hours of community service at an organization for gay, lesbian and transgender people. Harrigan pleaded guilty to simple assault. He'll serve three years of probation and do community service.

Both men, who live in Bucks County, will not be allowed to set foot between Girard Avenue and Washington Avenue, between the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers.

Knott is taking her chances at trial, which hasn't been scheduled. According to prosecutors, she took a swing at one of the victims, and didn't make contact.

"There's no doubt that there was an argument that became physical," said her lawyer, Lewis Busico. "She and the other women were trying to calm things down."

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Further building collapse details come out at trial.

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Lawyers in the trial of a contractor facing murder charges in a June 2013 building collapse sparred over how much the contractor knew about a piece of heavy equipment that was on the site.

Thursday was the second day on the witness stand for contractor Griffin Campbell, 51. He told jurors an equipment operator wasn't supposed to be working near an unsupported four-story wall that toppled onto a neighboring Salvation Army thrift store, killing six people and injuring 13.

Prosecutors say vibrations from the heavy excavator caused the wall to topple over.

Campbell said on the morning of the June 5 collapse, equipment operator Sean Benschop, who has pleaded guilty in the case, called him looking for work.

Campbell agreed, and told Benschop to load some metal in a Dumpster. But when the equipment operator showed up, he discovered they needed diesel fuel; Campbell went to get it while Benschop worked.

When he returned, Campbell said, he found the owner of the buildings, Richard Basciano on the site with his wife, apparently there to check the progress. Campbell stopped to talk with the developer, whom he said he'd never met.

"It sounds to me like you know a lot about demolition, sir."

Assistant DA Edward Cameron

According to prosecutors, Campbell had pursued a demolition strategy that removed interior beams from the four-story building in an effort to increase their salvage value.

However, that method left the wall standing over the store below. Ideally, Campbell wanted to push the bricks into the construction site, but neither he nor Basciano could get permission from the Salvation Army to work from its roof.

"I told him I was going to get on the roof at night with a skeleton crew to knock the wall down," Campbell said.

When the building collapsed, Campbell said he was talking to Basciano and his wife when he saw a look of horror on Basciano's wife's face.

He turned around to see the collapse.

"We ran up on the pile to see who I could help," Campbell said.

Prosecutors spent much of the afternoon sparring with Campbell.

Campbell has tried to portray himself as too inexperienced a contractor to truly be responsible for the work at the site. He says he has worked under the direction of the project's architect, Plato Marinakos.

The Market Street project was the largest Campbell had handled, and he had started in the demolition business only a year before.

But some of his explanations of the work at the site gave a window into a fairly complex technical understanding of the job.

Rubble from the building collapse at 22nd and Market. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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Community members speak during a town hall on diversity in the Gayborhood held at the William Way Center. JENNIFER KERRIGAN

"When I tried to apply for jobs at gay bars in Philly ... I feel like I have to question if it was because I'm black that I didn't get hired." Freeman

Gayborhood's diversity problem

The diversity of the Gayborhood was addressed at a town hall meeting.

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Members of the LGBTQ community voiced their grievances with the perceived lack of diversity in the Gayborhood at a town hall held at the William Way Center on Wednesday night.

"I constantly walk within these elite institutions that I don't feel like I'm welcomed at," said 23-year old film student Isaiah Freeman. "When I tried to apply for jobs at gay bars in Philly … I feel like I have to question if it was because I'm black that I didn't get hired."

Such experiences are what prompted the town hall. Community members of color shared similar stories with the press on the Gayborhood's predominately white nightclub scene. Topics included racial profiling at notable bars such as Woody's, Taboo's, I-Candy and Boxers PHL.

D. D'Ontace Keyes, chief creative officer of Philadelphia Black Pride, was one of the speakers who shared his thoughts on this issue.

"When I first spoke about it, I was in a state of surprise that such a lack of progress was happening in our community… as one who has worked with many of these establishments to collaborate on events, I was disheartened to personally realize many who I thought were allies weren't," Keyes said.

"I helped put this town hall together to try to discover new allies from this dialogue and produce a tangible plan of action that can bring about change," he said.

"I'm interested in seeing what can be done about the overpricing on specific themed days and possible liquor-license discrimination," said Nellie Fitzpatrick, City Council director of LGBT affairs. "I'm hopeful that this incredible event creates a needed space not only in Center City, but all throughout Philadelphia."

"We need to come together more to share these thoughts. … People don't understand how these microaggressions are literally impacting our health with mental and physical stress," said Shani Akilah Robin, a program coordinator of the Youth Health Empowerment Project. "Our community have a right to these feel safe and secure in spaces that claim they are about inclusion and diversity."

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PLEASE KEEP COMPLAINING AND DON'T RUN FOR OFFICE

Note to self: *never take serious advice from a figurehead who led a predestined non-factor candidate to run and lose for office.*

This week, Mustafa Rashed, former campaign manager of failed Democrat Doug Oliver's mayoral campaign, wrote a misguided piece in Philly Mag's Citified section attempting to provide a solution to those who are "tired of Philly politics as usual" by telling them to "quit complaining and run for office."

The lazy and unoriginal rhetoric reads like a talking points memo from a high school graduation pep-talk of a politico who's trying to silence the hysteria of a community that knows better.

Rashed's mantra of to "succeed in the game, you have to *be* in the game" is inspirational if you're trying to win a basketball game – but it's not how Philly politics actually work.

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The Ernest Opinion

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For one, "complaining" is democratic, and can effectively scare politicians into truly giving a damn about what they're elected to do. This is necessary given that the City Council and the mayor's office are often tone-deaf to the priorities of their constituents. Some argue that complaining creates apathy, but it's one strong way of ensuring political accountability.

Furthermore, encouraging more people to run for office as a way to rebut the "Philly politics as usual" is myopic in thought and a flat contradiction. Why waste millions of dollars that could go into improving public services for candidates who won't win whether they are worthy or not?

If you know "Philly politics," then you know that those who come into such races with the hope of winning on the platform of dismantling the Democratic political machine have two options — either compromise to win or lose valiantly.

Ask Isaiah Thomas or Tracey Gordon what the latter feels like.

The names being thrown around as potential candidates for various offices – Kellan White, Abu Edwards and Francis Nelms – have already had their fair share of local Democratic Party connection and support.

How will these relationships actually do anything to dismantle the political machine within "Philly politics" – if that's exactly what it's going to take to elect them in the first place?

You can't bite the hand that feeds you – *that's Philly politics.*

So how do you actually restore hope? Answer: Clean out the cobwebs that are ineffective in Philly's Democratic Party and restore ethical voter leadership.

The Philly Democratic Party bylaws are undemocratic and in need of a revision given that the special election politics have now created a biased handpicking of party favorites over a more fair process.

Furthermore, City Commissioner Chairman Anthony Clark (the elected official who's getting paid $130,000 a year to increase voter turnout and doesn't vote himself) is under investigation by several watchdog groups, such as the Committee of Seventy, for his ineffectiveness.

More politicians should call for his resignation given that his inability to consistently show up to work is hurting Philadelphians' ability to be properly equipped to vote.

This is how Philadelphians can actually change the system to ensure that better candidates can run and win. That's how complaining can bring about change.

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New mural tribute to life after prison

Shepard Fairey said the project is about the healing power of art.

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Artist Shepard Fairey, left, discusses "Stamp of Incarceration: Amira Mohammed," right, a mural he created as part of Mural Arts' Open Source exhibition. MARIA S. YOUNG

The face of a woman peers out from a Philly wall in a new mural exploring themes of post-incarceration recovery, created through the Mural Arts Program's ongoing Open Source art series.

Shepard Fairey, the famed L.A. artist who created the iconic Barack Obama "Hope" poster, designed the portrait of formerly incarcerated woman Amira Mohammed — now an architecture student at Community College of Philadelphia — titled "The Stamp of Incarceration."

"Even though I've been arrested a few times, that wasn't what motivated it," Fairey said of his decision to create a project themed around incarceration issues. "What I'm focusing on as much as the statistics is the healing power of art for people in and out of prison."

> *"What I'm focusing on ... is the healing power of art for people in and out of prison."*
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> Fairey

Fairey's real interest, he said, was in addressing the causes and effects of incarceration, and how work in art or training in other professional trades can help released inmates return to society — noting that recidivism for arts project participants is 50 percent lower than typical parolees.

"I look at everyone as having the potential to do great things to change society, including the 70 million Americans who have a criminal record," Fairey said. "A lot of the punishments are disproportionate to the crime."

Fairey also designed a mural at 11th and Callowhill of James Anderson, a former gang member from L.A. who is now committed to anti-recidivism community activism. The mural itself was painted by Graterford state prison inmates participating in a Mural Arts program, he said.

"My goal with these pieces was to shed some light on the issue, destigmatize incarceration by finding a couple people who I think are doing really great things who were formerly incarcerated," he said. "If I met Amira on the street, she's intelligent, she's kind. I never would have thought this is somebody that's ever been in jail."

The mural, which can be seen on the side of the Friends Center facing Race Street off 15th Street, was created by Fairey, a former street artist, and his assistants spraypainting stencils on the wall. The public location is meant to help bring this subject into everyday life, Fairey said.

"It's a subject a lot of people don't want to talk about. They don't want to deal with it. It might be your neighbor, it might be your barista, it might be your cousin — somebody you know has been through the system, and when they come out of the system you want them to be a healthy productive member of society," he said.

The ongoing Open Source series brought together 14 artists, each working with a specific community to explore a social issue and create site-specific art installations on those subjects, some temporary and some permanent.

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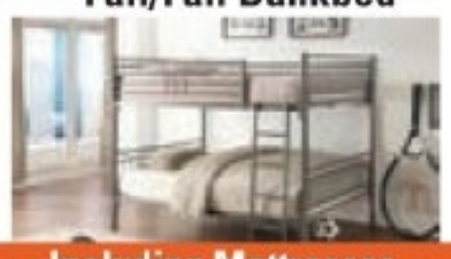

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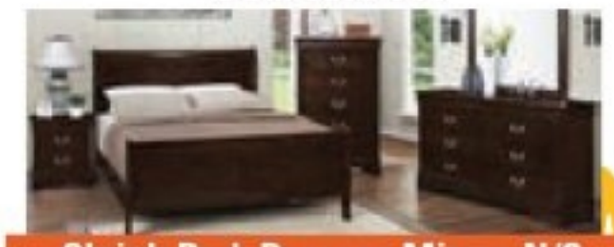

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Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the new book "My Year of Running Dangerously"

I get nasty notes late at night. I read them by the glow of my phone as my wife dozes; sentences filled with dirty words and oozing suggestive violence. Not that the folks sending them are fans. Or even friendly. Far from it. They are savaging me through email, Twitter and Facebook because I'm a fact checker.

In modern political parlance, being a fact checker means I parse the language of politicians in debates, speeches and commercials to see if their statements Lego-snap to the truth. This is exacting, exhausting under crushing deadlines, and it makes me as popular at Donald Trump at a Hillary Clinton hayride.

Oh sure, when the fact check movement was gathering steam, many Dems and Repubs loved the idea. Finally the distortions, half-truths and lies of the opposing party would be laid bare! Then they realized that fact checkers, like referees, must throw yellow flags regardless of which team is wrong. The shouts of "Kill the ref!" soon followed.

So now whenever I point out a problem on either side, I get scathing notes questioning my intelligence, patriotism and parentage, and suggesting short walks, long piers and anatomical impossibilities. Never mind that our Reality Checks, as we call them, draw on the expertise and research of nearly a hundred journalists — many of whom know the issues and statistics better than the candidates. On each side of the aisle, there are partisans — like sports fans — who just don't want to hear it.

A cottage industry has appeared around fact checking the fact checkers, with partisans offering their own instant replay analysis of why any ruling they don't like must be — in fact — wrong. I don't mind. Fact checkers can make mistakes, and sauce for the goose, you know?

But as I read those blistering notes at night, I take comfort in the fact that no real, nonpartisan fact checker I know ever gets it wrong on purpose. While politicians of all stripes often do.

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US, Scottish investigators have two new suspects in 1988 Lockerbie bombing

Libyan Abdel Basset al-Megrahi was jailed for life and remains the only person to have been convicted in the bombing.

Some of the wreckage of Pan Am Flight 103 after it crashed onto the town of Lockerbie in Scotland in 1988. GETTY IMAGES

Scottish and U.S. investigators have identified two new Libyan suspects in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 that killed 270 people, authorities said Thursday.

Scottish and U.S. authorities informed Libya they want to send investigators to Libya, which is wracked by civil war, to interview the suspects.

A Justice Department spokesman said U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Scottish chief prosecutor Frank Mulholland met in Washington last month to discuss the probe.

Pam Am 103 was blown up over Lockerbie on Dec. 21, 1988 en route to New York from London.

In 2001, Libyan intelligence officer Abdelbaset al-Megrahi was jailed for life after being found guilty of 270 counts of murder in connection with the bombing. He died in 2012. A second Libyan accused of involvement, Lamin Fhima, was tried with Megrahi before a panel of Scottish judges sitting at a special court in the Netherlands but was found not guilty.

A Scottish Crown Office spokesman said two Libyans who were not named are now suspected of being involved with Megrahi in carrying out the attack.

Scotland's chief prosecutor, or lord advocate, "has today ... issued an International Letter of Request to the Libyan Attorney General in Tripoli which identifies the two Libyans as suspects in the bombing of flight Pan Am 103," the spokesman said.

"The lord advocate and the U.S. attorney general are seeking the assistance of the Libyan judicial authorities for Scottish police officers and the FBI to interview the two named suspects in Tripoli." REUTERS

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Obama slows pace of US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan

Reversing policy on Afghanistan, President Barack Obama announced Thursday he will prolong the 14-year-old U.S. military engagement there, effectively handing off the task of pulling out troops to his successor.

Calling it a "modest but meaningful" adjustment to winding down the American presence in Afghanistan, Obama said the United States will maintain a force of 9,800 through most of 2016. Troops will be drawn down to 5,500 starting sometime in 2017 and will be based at four locations — Kabul, Bagram, Jalalabad and Kandahar.

Afghanistan's stability is vital to the United States, and Afghan troops who are now in charge of security are not yet as strong as they need to be, Obama said. He added: "If they were to fail, it would endanger the security of us all."

Asked by a reporter if he was disappointed in having to make the decision, Obama said he was not. "This isn't the first time those adjustments have been made," Obama said. "This probably won't be the last."

The U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan ended its combat mission after 13 years of war at the end of 2014, and Afghan troops have since been in charge of the country's security, with help from U.S. and NATO troops.

But Afghan forces have struggled in assaults from Taliban militants, who briefly took over the northern city of Kunduz. Obama acknowledged militants are still capable of launching deadly attacks.

U.S. troops will remain out of combat roles. They will focus on training and advising Afghan forces, and ensure that any al Qaeda remnants do not pose a threat to U.S. security, Obama said.

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An Army soldier stands guard at an Afghan national army base. GETTY IMAGES

"I suspect that we will continue to evaluate this going forward, as will the next president." President Obama

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Jessica Chastain plays the monstrous (but deeply sad) Lucille in Guillermo del Toro's haunted house movie "Crimson Peak."
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THE FUN STARTS HERE

Jessica Chastain says it was physically painful to play her "Crimson Peak" villain.

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Jessica Chastain is a chameleon who's played everything between supergiggly ("The Help") to cold and monstrous. The latter describes her turn in "Crimson Peak," a gothic ghost romance in which Edith (Mia Wasikowska), a young aspiring writer, runs afoul of twins (Tom Hiddleston and Chastain) who try to hide their evil ways. Chastain's Lucille is the worse of the two, and though Chastain wanted to dig deep into her backstory, she also found it surprisingly un-fun to play the villain. And it was painful too.

Director Guillermo del Toro is an unusual big budget filmmaker. What draws you to his work?
His imagination is really magnificent. I remember seeing an interview he did on "Charlie Rose" probably 10 years ago. He was on with [Alejandro Gonzalez] Inarritu and [Alfonso] Cuaron. He brought a journal with all these drawings of monsters and creatures he had created. I remember thinking, "Gosh, this guy's imagination is really spectacular." He loves his monsters. It's really rare for someone to do a monster story or a ghost story and really have compassion for the monsters. What made them into the way they are? And so playing Lucille — I don't think she could be in better hands. He's someone who's more interested in her as a multidimensional character — a fully realized human being and not this one-note villain.

This sounds like it was a very physical performance too. You had a very intense costume.
Definitely. It even started with every morning. It was 2½ hours of hair and makeup. Guillermo said in the biography that she loves constrictive clothing. It was really painful to be her. She had a wig that went all the way down to her feet, so it took a long time to get that into a bun. We had to change my eye coloring, change my eyebrows to make sense with the black hair. I wore 7-inch platforms to be more like a twin to Tom. I wore those throughout the movie, even in the running stuff. I did fall down once really bad. It physically hurt to be Lucille. Wearing all that can't help but change how your body works.

Was it fun, at least, playing evil?
I thought it would be, but it wasn't. I completely underestimated how dark the character was. Tom said to me when we were on set, "It's only fun when the character you're playing is having fun." Those villains that are like, "Ha ha ha ha, got you now!" Lucille is not that. She's suffering all the time. There was no fun factor. [Laughs]

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Are you afraid of Jack Black?

The "Goosebumps" star talks playing the Kanye West of horror.

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Jack Black gets overly serious in "Goosebumps." COLUMBIA PICTURES

Before we begin our interview, Jack Black lets it be known he'll be doing it fully reclining on a long stretch of sofa, staring at the ceiling. "This is awkward, but it's the way it has to be," he explains. Black may be a bit exhausted from playing a fictionalized version of author R.L. Stine in "Goosebumps" — an egomaniacal, reclusive writer whose devilish creations come to life and run amok in a small Delaware town.

What do you think about the idea of being a recluse?
I am a bit of a recluse. I can relate to that part of Stine's personality. Part of that just comes with the territory. You get in your Hollywood bubble and you try not to leave because you don't want to have selfies and autographs. So yeah, I get it.

But you've never gone full-on Howard Hughes?
No. I don't have those kinds of demons inside of me. At least not yet. Give me time. I'll be bottling my piss in a few decades, I'm sure. If I live that long.

You're working with a lot of monsters who are not actually physically there.
Yeah, lots of special effects monsters and computer-generated animation.

Aside from "King Kong," how much experience had you had with that?
Well, that's all I needed. "King Kong" was the king of all special effects movies. It wasn't just King Kong that I was pretending to see, it was thousands of prehistoric insects and lizards all over the place. You just had to imagine the whole movie. So this was kind of easy in comparison.

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How do you decide how big to play each role?
I don't really think about the size of the dramatic levels. You can get away with a little more bombast and high drama in your performance, I suppose. But I was really just thinking about this character who is the genius writer who has these dark secrets that he keeps hidden from the world. And for some reason that just said Orson Welles to me. That seemed like the perfect person to model it after, so I watched "Citizen Kane" 30 times and then went to the set.

Orson Welles aside, I did feel a lot of Tenacious D in this performance, that particular bravado and self-regard.
Right! Yes! I didn't think about that, but there was a narcissism there that was consistent with Tenacious D. He's the Kanye West of horror.

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'Crimson Peak' is a beaut but thin (but gorgeous)

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Mia Wasikowska skulks about an enormous, scary manse in Guillermo del Toro's Gothic ghost story "Crimson Peak." KERRY HAYES

"Crimson Peak"

Director: Guillermo del Toro
Stars: Mia Wasikowska, Tom Hiddleston
Rating: R

"Crimson Peak" is the rare ghost movie where the ghosts aren't … well, they're not nice, but they aren't evil, either. Of course, it comes from Guillermo del Toro. He's an unusual director: a wildly imaginative inventor of strange, gorgeous and menacing creatures, who are, whether psycho or benign, imbued with bottomless empathy, even humanity.

Yet, perhaps inevitably, it sometimes feels like del Toro should farm his ideas out to someone else. His multitasking often gets the better of him, resulting in films that live for their sights but lack a solid foundation.

A callback to Gothic spooksters like "The Innocents" and "The Haunting," "Peak" strands aspiring 19th century writer Edith (Mia Wasikowska) in a creepy, cavernous family manse with a dastardly brother and sister (Tom Hiddleston and Jessica Chastain), and some ghosts as well.

As usual with del Toro, "Peak" is a triumph of set design and mood, filled with not only tension but burning sadness. Also par for course, the content is the least of the director's worries. Like "The Devil's Backbone" and "Pan's Labyrinth," "Peak" is less simple than simplistic. It wants to be an old-school horror-romance, albeit with more blood and face woundings, but its story often only has the basic elements, as though he were a student doing the minimum requirements on a project. It's a beaut to look at and to feel, and maybe that's enough.

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A decade of 'Robot Chicken'

Seth Green tries not to think about how his Adult Swim series is 10 years old.

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"Robot Chicken DC Comics Special III: Magical Friendship" airs Sunday at Midnight on Adult Swim ADULT SWIM

It may seem hard to believe, but "Robot Chicken" — Seth Green and Matthew Senreich's lightning-fast pop culture sketch show made completely with mismatched action figures — has been around for 10 years. It's even hard for Green to comprehend, which is probably why he generally avoids doing that.

"I don't think we spend a lot of time reflecting on it, except when we're having socials with the crews and whatnot," Green says. "The whole goal with the studio was to create a place where it was possible to make our own stuff and collaborate with people that we liked and earn a wage while making things we're not embarrassed about. We really just focus on the thing that's made us successful, which is making stuff that makes us laugh, working as hard as we can to do the kinds of things that we want to exist — always focusing on entertaining ourselves."

Part of that job of entertaining themselves includes their annual specials with DC Comics, the third of which debuts Sunday. In "Robot Chicken DC Comics Special III: Magical Friendship," Green and Co. explore a much different take on "Batman v. Superman," with more comedic results than we can expect from next year's film.

"Our favorite thing about the DC Universe is you can really do whatever you want. These characters are in so many different forms without competing with each other," he explains. They also get to involve one of the stranger footnotes in DC history: Composite Superman, an alien that takes the form of a 50-50 split between Batman and Superman. "I had seen that character in comics and thought it was just the dumbest character on the planet," Green says. "Why would an alien come here and say, 'I've taken the form of the nation's two greatest superheroes, only one of which has superpowers'? What does that mean? That this one side is just wholly fallible?"

But 10 years of pop culture mockery leads to one odd development Green hadn't seen coming, he admits: becoming part of the cultural landscape themselves. "We've had this weird reality where our comedic interpretation of this stuff has become the stuff itself. We've met a lot of parents that are introducing their kids to iconography that we got when we were kids through our self-reflective interpretation of it, and it's kind of corrupting the culture in a really interesting way," he says.

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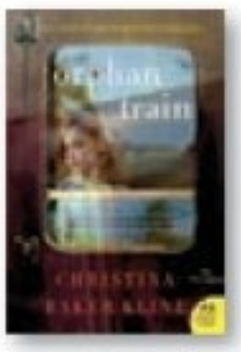

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Odeya Rush, Ryan Lee, Dylan Minette and Jack Black scream their faces off in "Goosebumps." SONY

'Goosebumps'

Director: Rob Letterman
Stars: Jack Black, Dylan Minnette
Rating: PG

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The "Goosebumps" movie does to R.L. Stine's rash of kiddie spooksters what the "21 Jump Street" movie did to "21 Jump Street": it doesn't take a semiserious institution too seriously. Jokes fly as fast as the many monsters. There are Detroit jokes, laser-disc jokes, jokes that mock horror movie conventions, even a joke about confusing "audiofile" with "pedophile" — the last one slipped into a nice, if sometimes harrowing, PG-rated family film.

But it does something else. It wants to revive the '80s Spielberg movies that Spielberg only produced. Specifically it wants to be Joe Dante's "Gremlins," only stocked with a couple dozen types of beasties, shaken from about half of Stine's original 1990s run. We get a fictionalized Stine, played by Jack Black in extra-living-cartoon mode, whose many, usually derivative, beasties are not only real but come tumbling into the real world to lay waste to a nice suburb.

But "Goosebumps" isn't out to scare you so much as make you squee at the giddy mayhem as, say, a horde of sentient garden trolls break from their fixed clay positions and start messing up our heroes. There are plenty of creatures to choose from, so many that the script often loses track of them. It becomes clear that, as much as it aspires to Joe Dante-level madness, it can't help but feel a little sloppy. (And it rarely lets them take over the film, as Tim Burton gladly did to the retro aliens in "Mars Attacks!") It's close enough, though, complete with a nod to classic cinema in the form of a "Lady from Shanghai"-style mirror climax. And safe to say no one can deliver the line "It's Slappy's revenge!" quite like Black. MATT PRIGGE

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'Bridge of Spies'

Director: Steven Spielberg
Stars: Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance
Rating: R

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Tom Hanks (with Mark Rylance, to the immediate left) tries to save the world in Steven Spielberg's "Bridge of Spies." JAAP BUITENDIJK

Bureaucratic wheeling-and-dealing isn't too sexy, and in one sense the latest from Steven Spielberg fails at being one thing: a broadly stirring populist Steven Spielberg movie. That's as it should be. The tale of an American lawyer, one James B. Donovan (Tom Hanks), negotiating for a prisoner exchange between the U.S. and former Axis powers is one of "Zodiac"-style drudgework, building to an anticlimax (on, yes, a bridge). It offers only a minimum of easy uplift, and even then the good vibes are colored by the knowledge that, though peace has been achieved, it's only tentative and quite a bit wobbly.

As such it's a terrific example, like "Lincoln," of the perennially underrated darker and conflicted side of Spielberg. Once he was known for starry uplift. Now he prefers to push his sentimental-classicist style against stories in which, as they say, it's complicated. In "Bridge of Spies," he argues for the humanity of someone who would, even today, be considered a national baddie. It's 1957 and Soviet spy Rudolf Abel (theater god Mark Rylance) is busted slipping intel from Brooklyn Heights. When Hanks's James B. Donovan hears about this, he first makes the unpopular decision to defend him, arguing that punishing Abel would cause the same fate to befall American spies abroad. Then, when two Americans are seized by Soviet and East German powers, he agrees to slip off to Berlin to do the painstaking negotiation himself.

No less than Joel and Ethan Coen did a rewrite on an already existing script, and the second half is where that's most clear. Donovan sits in a lot of rooms, debating with sometimes defensive, usually buffoonish officials. His dealings are a merry-go-round of false leads, dead ends and goofy larks. Once upon a time Hanks could only play the nice guy; even his wealthy monster in the "Bonfire of the Vanities" movie had to likable. Now he's one of movies' best grouches. His Donovan mutters and grumbles and shoots crabby stares as he tries to save the world through bureaucracy. Meanwhile Spielberg directs the hell out of it, only whipping out his Capra tendencies when we most need them. It's a tough film with a soft center, but whose hesitant optimism, in these dire times, is a form of political daring. MATT PRIGGE

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"Steve Jobs"

Director: Danny Boyle
Stars: Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet
Rating: R

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Michael Fassbender looks just enough like Steve Jobs in "Steve Jobs."
FRANCOIS DUHAMEL

The Aaron Sorkin-built "Steve Jobs" only has three "scenes," but there's a mountain of sheer stuff crammed into them. Each section, charting the real time build-up to three of the tech god's key product launches, is endlessly wordy, endlessly busy, with roughly 10,000 moving parts — not the least being characters scampering between rooms and not-yet-filled auditoriums as they breathlessly volley Sorkinese. The segments are so dense, so teeming with quips and heady thoughts, that it's almost a shame to try to suss out simple big ideas. That would simply seem reductive — an attempt to tame a film that's at its best when it's just moving.

Reducing things to simple big ideas is exactly what happens in "Steve Jobs" — eventually. It's two great, breakneck episodes followed by a third that fumbles when it tries to tie it all together, and especially when it tries to make us feel for Michael Fassbender's perpetually wigged-out Jobs. But it mostly avoids being the film it shouldn't be. It's not a simplistic missive on "What Steve Jobs Means" or "Who Steve Jobs Was" or "How We Live Now." It has plenty to say about all three, but it buries them in tune-out-and-miss nuggets dropped into dialogue or made subliminally.

In the final third, the confrontations that have seemed brief — mostly with Seth Rogen's Steve Wozniak and Katherine Waterston's Chrisann Brennan — get supersized, even maudlin. The pissy Sorkin talk makes way for the vomit-worthy. The nadir isn't, somehow, Wozniak ending a righteous tirade by crowing that life "is not binary. You can be decent and gifted at the same time." It's Jobs, in the moments, actually saying, "I'm poorly made." (Just like a gizmo!) These are missteps, though, in a film that otherwise trusts that we'll find significance wherever we can. It's more a Rorschach test than a film telling us what to think. And it understands this more than anything: that there are few pleasures quite like the sounds and sights of smart a—holes talking. As ever, not only does Sorkin understand what makes cruel geniuses tick. He even likes them. MP

Your weekend schedule

Save the Netflix binge — or even Netflix and chill — for weeknights. It's a perfect fall post-humidity, pre-snow weekend to get out of the house.

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Philly DJ Mural Block Party Redux

Rich Medina, Cosmo Baker, Illvibe Collective and Scratch Academy (created by Jam Master Jay) provide the music for this block party celebrating a new mural about Philly's influential DJ history from artist Shepard Fairey, best known for the Obama "Hope" posters and the Andre the Giant "Obey Giant" imagery. The party is the close to the Philly DJ Mural Project, a yearlong music education program where students got to work with DJs —and it's "redux" because the Mural Arts Program held a kickoff party in the same spot last October. Franky Bradley's, just a couple of blocks away, is hosting an "Obey the DJ" after-party.
Friday, 6 to 9 p.m.; 13th Street between Chestnut and Sansom streets; Free; Opensource.muralarts.org

Johnny Showcase record release for "The Octopus!" with Minka, West Philadelphia Orchestra and Martha Graham Cracker

When we first saw Johnny Showcase, playing the small, low stage at Connie's Ric Rac years ago, we'll admit we were a little skeeved — which is kind of the idea. The singer/performance artist is out with a new album blending his signature mix of funk, soul and psychedelic sounds that ooze '70s skeeze in a wildly funny (and skillful) way. He performs with Rumi Kitchen, The Truth and the band Mystic Ticket. But that's not all! Our favorite drag queen, Martha Graham Cracker, will also show up to serenade us. The always-festive Balkan brass-playing West Philadelphia Orchestra and locals Minka, complementing Johnny Showcase with an absurdist shtick of their own, round out the lineup.
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Johnny Showcase and the Mystic Ticket play Underground Arts. PROVIDED

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Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 25; Morgan's Pier, 221 N. Columbus Blvd.; 215-279-7134; Morganspier.com

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Taurus Your fun-loving nature and good humor will be infectious. Host a get-together for family, friends, colleagues or neighbors.

Gemini Harmful rumors will surface if you don't use discretion when dealing with personal and professional relationships.

Cancer Look upon change as an opportunity. Don't let anything prevent you from moving forward. Recall methods that have worked in the past.

Leo Get out and enjoy the people and places that mean the most to you. Taking the time to enjoy light entertainment will lift your spirits.

Virgo Don't let anyone else call the shots. You will be disappointed in yourself if you don't fight for what you want. Trust in your skills.

Libra Deception is apparent. Don't be coerced into doing anything that could damage your reputation or your bank account.

Scorpio You have worked hard, now you must keep the momentum going. If doubt causes you to hesitate, someone else will leap at a golden opportunity.

Sagittarius Emotions will be close to the surface. Keep busy and avoid potentially volatile situations. Travel disruptions will wreak havoc.

Capricorn Your status is rising, and successful negotiations with business partners or superiors will bring recognition and rewards.

Aquarius No matter how hard you strive to keep the peace, family disputes will cause anguish. These issues will not go away without intervention.

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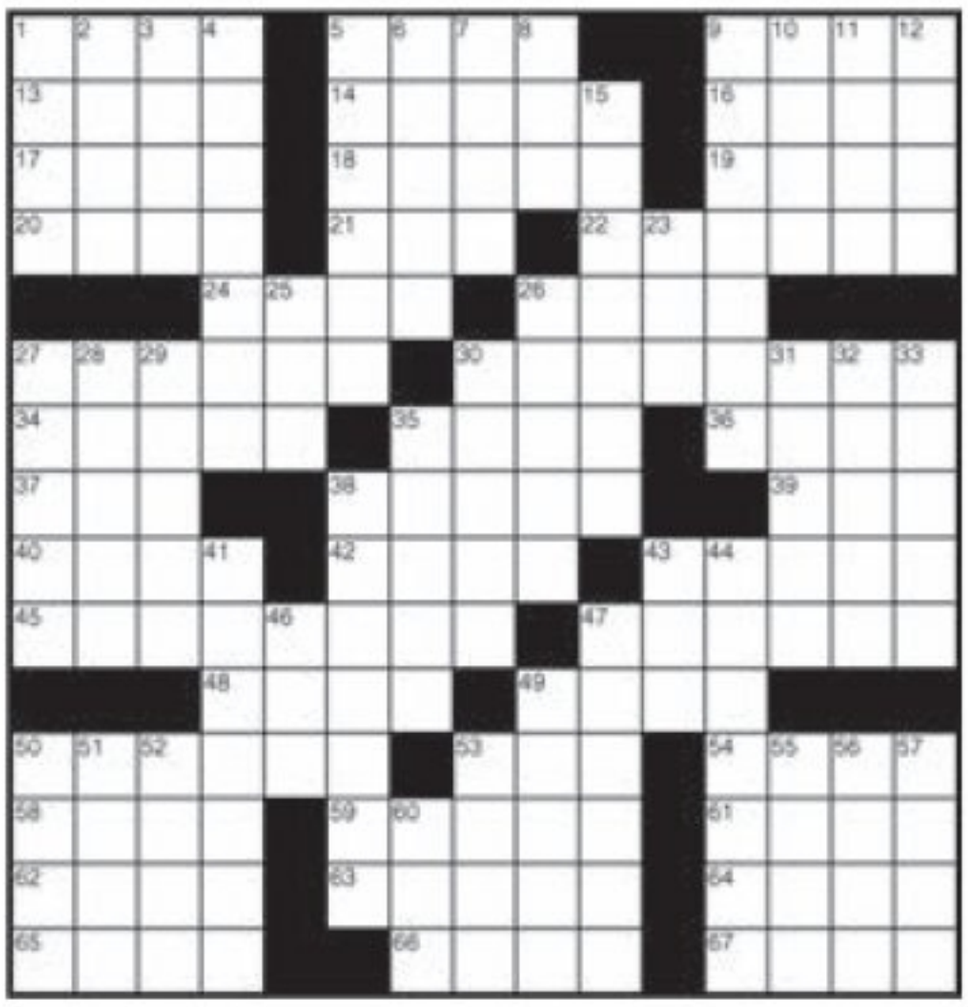

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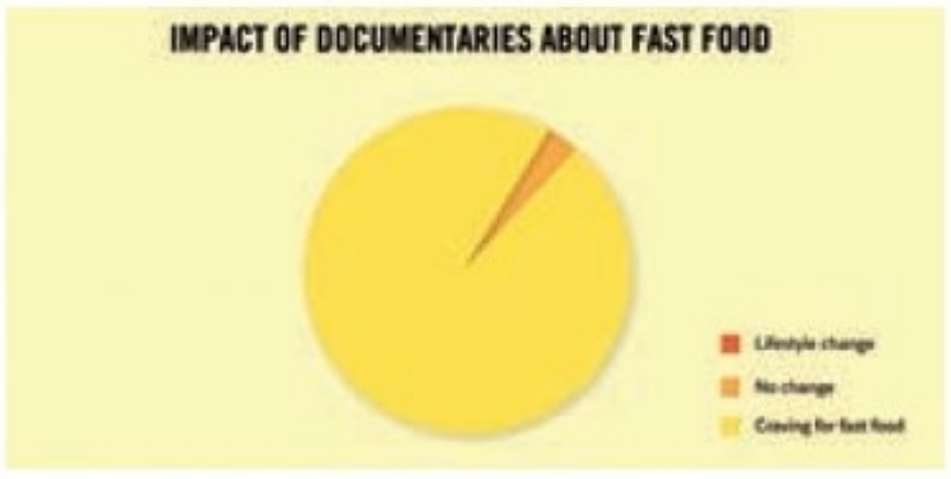

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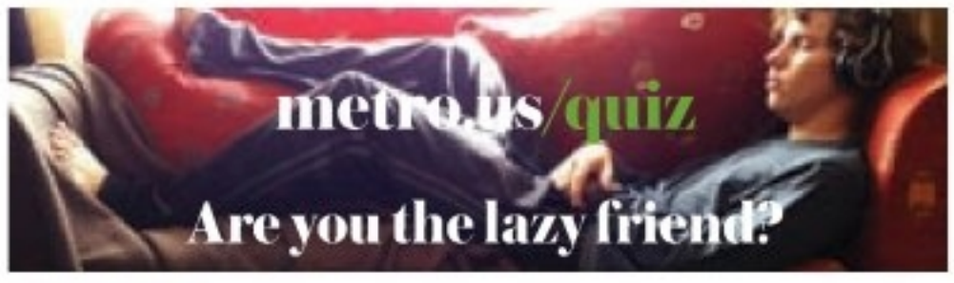

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Wood no longer a dark horse

The battle for the Sixers' final roster spot will likely go down to the wire, and Christian Wood has a pretty good shot at it.

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Christian Wood could provide the 76ers with the depth the Sixers need at power forward. GETTY IMAGES

One of the last players to be placed on the Sixers training camp roster might just be the last man to make the cuts when the Sixers trim their roster down to 15 in the coming weeks — power forward Christian Wood.

With both Jahlil Okafor (knee) and Nerlens Noel (back, knee) both missing Monday night's preseason game against the Knicks due to minor injuries, Wood shined in the team's narrow 94-88 defeat.

In 20 minutes, Wood notched a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds, hitting 5 of 10 from the floor which included an impressive dunk and three-pointer.

"I'm trying to make the team, so I'm doing whatever I can," Wood said after Monday's loss. "I'm hustling, going for loose balls and doing anything I can to try and make the team."

Wood went undrafted in the 2015 NBA draft, despite putting up impressive numbers in his two years spent at UNLV. He averaged 15.7 points and 10 rebounds per game while shooting 49.7 percent from the field, but many questions about his work ethic led to his draft stock falling.

"You saw him bother people at the rim," coach Brett Brown said. "You have to walk out of the gym looking at that kid and be impressed — especially at his age."

At just 20, there's limitless potential for Wood to grow in Philadelphia, but several front-court players still stand in his way of making the roster.

The locks to make the team are Okafor, Noel and Joel Embiid (who will miss the 2015-16 season due to foot surgery). Jerami Grant and Richaun Holmes look to be locks as well, as they're locked into multiyear deals through at least the 2016-17 season.

That leaves Carl Landry, acquired in a deal with the Kings in the offseason for Nik Stauskas, as well as Furkan Aldemir as Wood's competition.

Landry hasn't played a game for the Sixers since the trade, but his salary of over $13 million owed between the next two seasons can be a valuable asset in matching salaries in a future trade. Aldemir has had a very disappointing preseason so far. He's averaging just 2.5 points, 4 rebounds and a whopping 3.3 fouls per game in 16.5 minutes per game.

Wood has a case to make the cut over either of them as things currently stand, but he still has a lot of work ahead him.

"Philly gives a lot of opportunity to young guys," Wood said. "I thought they would give me a chance to show what I can do on the court, so it's great."

The Sixers will play the Wizards next on Friday at home. The game will air at 7 p.m. on CSN.

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Is Bradford a good

The Eagles quarterback says he's very comfortable leading the 2-3 Eagles. But do his teammates agree?

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Sam Bradford has a quarterback rating nearly 20 points higher in the second half this season. GETTY IMAGES

If a quarterback wants to be successful in the NFL, good leadership qualities are pretty much essential for execution of the job.

When picturing the leader of an NFL football team, a group of 53 full-grown, athletic and egotistical men, one would expect a leader to be outspoken, loud and easy to spot.

But the Eagles have a different kind of leader in Sam Bradford. And though he may not be delivering emotional, inspiring speeches at the top of his lungs before kickoff each week, he certainly commands the respect of his Philadelphia teammates.

"He's definitely a quiet guy, but if he wants to says something, he's going to get his point across," Eagles tight end Zach Ertz said. "I think that's what you need in a leader. They don't need to be a 'rah rah' guy every day — bringing a huge speech every game, but when he gives a speech everyone listens to him."

In a move that has become notorious here in Philadelphia, Bradford took the offense aside — in the Eagles' shower — prior to last Sunday's game against the Saints and said something special. But just what it was that he said won't be made public anytime soon. All we know is that it motivated Philly's offense to gain 519 yards and pulverize New Orleans, 39-17.

"If you weren't in that locker room, that shower, you aren't going to know what was said in there,"

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leader?

"I think he's a leader; he's obviously more of a quiet guy, but he speaks up when he needs to. I think guys respect that."

Brent Celek, on Sam Bradford

Bradford told an inquisitive media Thursday. "I felt like the time was right, something needed to be said and hopefully it fired the guys up."

The Eagles may perhaps have saved their season last week, as the squad now has its first opportunity to leap into first place in the NFC East with the Giants coming to town Monday night.

It's impressive that Bradford has seized the leadership role as much as he has in such a short time. Coming to Philly in a trade from the Rams and off of serious knee surgery, the quarterback didn't even have clearance to play in the Eagles preseason opener two months ago. He's come a long way.

"You've got to establish yourself a little bit before you can start to say," Chip Kelly said, "because I mean, anybody would be like, 'Why is this guy telling me something to do? He just got here.' And I think Sam handled it really well. Sam was a little bit more quiet in April and May because he wasn't really full-go in terms of what we were doing, but I think as he has gotten more snaps, as he came back to preseason camp and we started rolling here in August, you could start to see him assert himself a little bit more. So I think it's a process."

And hopefully for Eagles fans, it keeps progressing toward a playoff berth.

"I am very comfortable," Bradford said. "I've been around here, going into Week 6 of the season … it seems like a lot of times people question my leadership because I am quiet. They don't see what I do behind the scenes or the relationships I have built with those guys. I am very comfortable stepping up and saying something when I feel it needs to be said."

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Kelly has no interest in going back to college

There are a lot of pretty appealing coaching jobs available across college football in places like USC, South Carolina, Maryland and Texas.

But while Chip Kelly may be near the top on many of those school's wish lists, the Eagles head coach and de facto GM has no interest in leaving the ranks of the NFL.

Chip Kelly GETTY IMAGES

"I understand that it's going to happen [when] we're not successful and we're not winning," Kelly said, acknowledging the ongoing speculation. "I came from college, [so the assumption is] I'm going to go back to college. I hope someday to be like [Giants head coach Tom Coughlin] and win enough games where I can stay around long enough without speculation."

Kelly, of course, was a successful coach at both New Hampshire and Oregon at the NCAA level. But with a contract worth upward of $32.5 million to coach one of pro football's premier franchises (and with final say over its roster), Kelly is happy where he is. Even with a 2-3 record.

The question about returning to college has come up each year during Kelly's three-year tenure with the Eagles.

"I answered it the same way a year ago and I answered it the same way my first year here," the coach said. EVAN MACY

Eagles get a break as injured Giants prepare to head to town

The Eagles have dodged a few superstars lately in Dez Bryant, DeSean Jackson and a bevy of top-notch defensive players during their first five games this season. But it hasn't exactly translated into wins.

The Eagles will look to take advantage of a depleted Giants secondary Monday, a unit that will be without cornerback Prince Amukamara.

The corner was injured last week in New York's win against the 49ers and joins a rather lengthy list of recognizable names on the Giants' injury list.

As of Thursday afternoon, the slate of injured Giants included: wide receivers Odell Beckham Jr., Rueben Randle and Victor Cruz; defensive ends Robert Ayers and George Selvie; linebackers Jon Beason, Jonathan Casillas and Devon Kennard; cornerback Trumaine McBride and offensive lineman Justin Pugh.

The Giants do have a rather healthy front seven, and it's a group that has the ability to make the Eagles one-dimentional and revert to the pass game.

"The defensive tackles are big, sturdy players," Eagles offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur said. "And when you look at their defense, I think this is probably textbook team defense when it comes to stopping the run."

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NFL Week 6 picks: Stay away from Seahawks, bet on Broncos

Here are our best tips on who to take in NFL Week 6 action.

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Will Ronnie Hillman, C.J. Anderson and the Broncos ground game finally hit their stride this weekend? GETTY IMAGES

Carolina Panthers at Seattle Seahawks (-7)
The Seahawks (2-3) are in for a tough game at home this week against the 4-0 Panthers. At first glance they profile as very similar teams. Russell Wilson, Cam Newton and their respective offenses put up enough points to get by, but the calling card for both of these teams is their defense. The Seahawks rank 5th in YPG with only 19.6 PPG allowed, while the Panthers are 10th in YPG with just 17.6 PPG allowed this season. Getting seven points with Carolina, fresh off their bye week no less, is very appealing as it should be a low-scoring affair.

The pick: Panthers +7

Denver Broncos (-4) at Cleveland Browns
The Broncos, 4-1 ATS and undefeated SU this season, look like a good bet again in Cleveland this week. Peyton Manning and his offense haven't been as productive as in years past, but they'll meet virtually no resistance against a Browns' defense that surrenders over 400 YPG and will likely be missing its best playmaking CB, Joe Haden (concussion). I highly doubt Josh McCown will pass for 341 or 421 yards against the No. 1 defense in football. He'll more likely be running for his life as the Broncos lead the league in sacks with 22 and will be matched up against a line that's allowed 18 sacks in five games this year.
The pick: Broncos -4

Miami Dolphins at Tennessee Titans (-2.5)
This game is such a mismatch on paper it's amazing to me that the Titans aren't favored by a touchdown or more. The Dolphins just fired their coach and a bye week isn't going to cure what ails them. Since 2000, teams that fire their coach during the season are 8-17 SU in their next game. Miami is among the worst in the league in both offense (28th in YPG) and defense (29th in YPG) and have mustered just one sack in four games. Marcus Mariota should have a day comparable to his week one decimation of the Buccaneers while the Titans' third-rated defense shuts down the anemic Dolphins attack.
The pick: Titans -2.5

Week 5's million winner puts on a master class

The lineup Joshua9028 put together to win the Week 5 Sunday Million contest was pure gold. In fact, it's a master class in building a GPP lineup. The steadiness of tried and true names are there, right along with the surprise showings that so few people could've predicted. He built his team around consistent scorers, but managed to hit on all the right value players as well. Here's a look:

QB: Manning

Of the top 10 lineups in this week's Sunday Million, all but three had Manning as their quarterback. Though Manning was neither the highest scoring or most surprising QB output the way in which Manning hit this mark was not without a little flare for the dramatic.
ELI MANNING ($7,700), 7/1% OWNED, 29.74 FDPS

RB: Freeman, Martin

Freeman can't continue this, can he? Almost 30% of the "Sunday Million" lineups included Freeman even though backfield mate Tevin Coleman was supposed to be back.
DEVONTA FREEMAN, ($7,600), 26.9% OWNED, 29.2 FDPS; DOUG MARTIN, ($6,400), 3.6% OWNED, 35.3 FDPS

WR: OBJ, Jones, Edelman

Though it's easy to think of Beckham as a picture of FanDuel consistency, this selection was not as easy as some might think. Beckham had a rough Week 4 against the Buffalo Bills and even with a nice matchup against the San Francisco 49ers, that $9,000 price point can easily scare people away.
ODELL BECKHAM JR, ($9,000), 17.6% OWNED, 21.9 FDPS; JAMES JONES, ($6,400), 12.3% OWNED, 14.7 FDPS; JULIAN EDELMAN, (7,700), 30.6% OWNED, 20 FDPS

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Underrated and dangerous

The Flyers are off to a rare hot start at 2-1-1, fresh off back-to-back home shutouts over the Panthers and defending Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks. However, they'll face a difficult task at keeping their momentum rolling, as the team has five days off before next Tuesday's game against the Stars at the Wells Fargo Center. GETTY IMAGES

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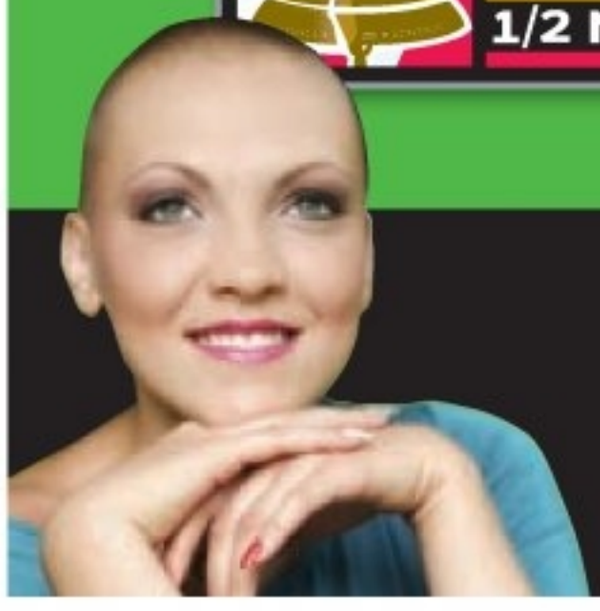

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